

FACT SHEET

Evidence and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

The *Evidence and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2017* makes amendments to the *Criminal Code Act 1924* and the *Evidence Act 2001*.

The Bill amends the *Criminal Code Act 1924* by:

- introducing a presumption that when two or more charges for sexual offences are joined in the same indictment those charges are to be tried together; and
- stating that this presumption is not rebutted merely because evidence on one charge is inadmissible in relation to the other charge.

The Bill amends the *Evidence Act 2001* by:

- providing that the issue of concoction, collusion or suggestion in tendency and coincidence evidence is not relevant to the admissibility of the evidence.